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In re application of:
Katsuaki Matsui et al DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No.: 09/014,401
Filed: January 27, 1998
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR GENERATING
CONSTANT VOLTAGE

This is a decision on the petition received on November 1, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed August 18, 1998. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned October 20, 1998. A notice of abandonment was mailed April 1, 1999.

On November 1, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgement that the attorney never received the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed August 18, 1998.

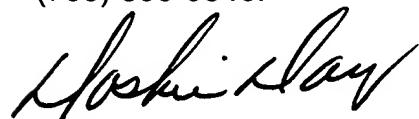
The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners never received the Notice to File Missing parts mailed August 18, 1998.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

A new Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed with this Decision setting forth a new response period of two months from the date of the notice.

The office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

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